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 Hexadecene-3 dicarboxylic acid, hexadecadiene-3, 13 dicarboxylic acid, octadecadiene-3,9 dicarboxylic acid, octadecatriene-3,9,15 dicarboxylic acid, and 12-hydroxyoctadecadiene-3,9 dicarboxylic acid are claimed as new cpds.
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A process for the conversion of unbranched C10-24 alkanes which, if desired, may contain from 1 to 3 internal conjugated or isolated double bonds and/or a terminal primary OH-group and/or the analogous monocarboxylic acid, if desired containing a secondary OH-group, and/or esters of the analogous monocarboxylic acids with alcohols having a functionality of 1 to 4, the alcohols containing up to 22 carbon atoms in the alcohol radical, under standard fermentation conditions, if desired in the presence of auxiliaries, into dicarboxylic acids or - in the case of carboxylic acid esters - into dicarboxylic acid monoesters containing the same number of carbon atoms, characterised in that the conversion is carried out in the presence of a block mutant of *Candida lipolytica* deposited under the name DSM 3581 and/or mutants thereof capable of forming unsaturated dicarboxylic acids with at least partial formation of 1 to 3 additional CC-double bonds.

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